

Harper Family Papers
L90
1827-1942, undated
1 ms. box, 2 oversized folders

Rare Books and Manuscripts
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Biographical Note:

Henry B. Harper was the son of Samuel Harper. He married Matilda Swearingen, and at some point between 1840 and 1850 the family moved to Indiana. Henry and Matilda Harper had thirteen children: Thomas, Samuel, Hannah, Louisa, Sarah Ann, George, Allen, James, John, Rebekah Jane, Henry, and a child that died in infancy. James Harper was a soldier in the 37th Indiana Regiment serving in Tennessee. He married Julia A. Fall in 1864 and maintained a farm in Sharpsville, Indiana. They had nine children, five daughters and four sons. He died of complications November 15, 1915. Louisa Harper married Charles Nettleton and lived in Minnesota for many years as farmers. Thomas Harper became a farmer, and Samuel Harper studied medicine at least briefly. John Harper was a political leader in Ripley County, Indiana and became the postmaster at Versailles.

Sources:

1840 United States Federal Census Record. Ancestry.com. 23 May 2007

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1850 United States Federal Census Record. Ancestry.com. 23 May 2007

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1860 United States Federal Census Record. Ancestry.com. 23 May 2007

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1870 United States Federal Census Record. Ancestry.com. 23 May 2007

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1880 United States Federal Census Record. Ancestry.com. 23 May 2007

<<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>>

Indiana Marriage Collection, 1800-1941. Ancestry.com. 23 May 2007 <<http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>>
Materials within the collection.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains correspondence, legal papers, receipts, and other papers of the Harper family. A prayer book carried by John Harper during the Civil War is included in the collection. There are also newspaper clipping and family history notes which include information such as death dates of family members.

Folder Listing:**Folder**

1. Letters, Henry and Matilda Harper, 1834-1858
2. Letters, Henry and Matilda Harper, 1860-1882
3. Letters, Thomas Harper, 1850-1859
4. Letters, George Harper, 1856-1869
5. Correspondence, James and Julia Harper, 1857-1913
6. Letters, John Harper, 1862-1913
7. Letters, Samuel Harper, 1863
8. Letters, Louisa Nettleton (Harper), 1863-1864
9. Correspondence, Howard C. Harper, 1911-1939
10. Legal papers, 1834-1868
11. Prayer book, John Harper, circa 1861-1865
12. Receipts, 1827-1864
13. Newspaper clippings and family history notes, 1850-1942, undated

OB 71, Folder 1.

- 1837 Feb. 1 Harper, Sam to Henry and Matilda Harper, LS
1838 Sept. 8 Indenture
1839 June 13 Harper, Samuel to Henry and Matilda Harper, LS
1839 July 2 Harper, J. M. to Henry B. Harper, LS
1839 Nov. 12 Harper, J. M. to Henry B. Harper, LS
1842 Feb. 13 Harper, George and Jane to Henry and Matilda Harper, LS

OB 71, Folder 2.

- 1843 Mar. 27 Harper, M. A. to Henry B. Harper, LS
1850 Feb. 2 Harper, J. M. to Thomas Harper, LS
1857 July 14 Swearingen, Allen and Mary to Matilda Harper, LS
1858 June 6 John and Jane to Matilda Harper, LS

Collection Information:

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